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**New Hampshire Veterans Home Will Host Annual Alzheimer's Memory Walk on
Sunday, September 24, 2006**

TILTON, NH – June 30, 2006 – Residents and staff of the New Hampshire Veterans Home welcome community members to join them in hosting the local Alzheimer's Association 2006 Memory Walk on Sunday, September 24, 2006. The annual event raises awareness and funds to support local programs for both people with Alzheimer's and their families and caregivers.

"We expect people from Tilton-Northfield and surrounding communities to participate in the walk," said spokesperson Sandy Valtz of the New Hampshire Veterans Home's 2006 Memory Walk Committee. "Their participation allows the Vermont -New Hampshire chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to continue to provide a broad range of local programs and services for people with the disease as well as to assist their families, care partners, residential care professionals and professional health care providers."

Participants may walk individually or as part of a team. Walkers ask friends, family members or businesses to sponsor them by making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association. Additional information and a link to online fundraising are available at www.alzvtnh.org

Volunteers who would like to participate in organizing the event are invited to attend the next planning meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the New Hampshire Veterans Home located at 139 Winter Street in Tilton. For additional information, please contact Tom Heald, Sandy Valtz or Anne Howe at (603) 527- 4400.

About the New Hampshire Veterans Home

The New Hampshire Veterans Home (“NHVH”) was initially established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier’s Home for Civil War Veterans. Today, the modern facility in its countryside setting is home to men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. The mission of NHVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State’s elderly and disabled veterans. NHVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans. The New Hampshire Veterans Home Benefit Fund enhances the residents’ quality of life through a variety of donor supported programs, activities and equipment.

As a professional health care provider, NHVH offers a full range of services including residential, medical/dental and nursing care as well as physical/occupational therapy, recreation, and dietetic and social services. Chapel services, exercise groups, arts and crafts, shopping trips, live entertainment and various community outings support residents’ quality of life. NHVH also offers inter-generational programs and animal-assisted recreational therapy.

Dedicated staff members work in partnership with volunteers from surrounding communities and numerous veteran service organizations to enrich our residents’ lives. In 2004, NHVH opened the 100-person Life Enhancement Dementia Unit to serve the long-term care needs of veterans who suffer from Alzheimer’s and other related memory impairment disorders. The facility addition will enable NHVH to provide comprehensive long-term care services to a total of 250 Residents.

Additional information is available online at our website www.nh.gov/veterans

About the Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association, the world leader in Alzheimer research and support, is the first and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to finding prevention methods, treatments and an eventual cure for Alzheimer's. For 25 years, the donor-supported, not-for-profit Alzheimer's Association has provided reliable information and care consultation; created supportive services; increased funding for dementia research; and influenced public policy changes. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease.

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